(in lakh mandays)

Year	Target	Achievements	%age Achievement
1994-95	1340.30	986.58	74
1995-96	1245.86	1197.03	96

Petrol from Herbs

699. DR. SHRIKANT RAMCHANDRA JICHKAR: Will the Minister of SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY be pleased to state:

(a) what are the latest reports about Shri Pillai's experiment about producing petrol from herbs;

(b) whether the Scientific Community has accepted the claim;

(c) whether the departments of Government have damnified his claim; and

(d) whether the Government has anything to say more about this matter?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF PLANNING AND PROGRAMME IMPLEMENTATION AND MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY (SHRI YOGINDER K. ALAGH): (a) to (d) The Department related Parliamentary Standing Committee on Science and Technology, Enviroment and Forests witnessed a demonstration of "Herbal Fuel" by Shri P. Ramar at the Indian Institute of Petroleum on 15th November, 1996. The Report of the Committee was laid on the Table of the House. From the findings of the scientists conducting the experiment at the Indian Institute of Petroleum, the Committee concluded that the expectations of finding an indigenous and economical solution to the energy crisis has been belied for a while. The Government has nothing more to say about the matter.

System for Recruiting Scientists in CSIR

700. SHRI RAM NATH KOVIND: DR. RANBIR SINGH:

Will the Minister of SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have been requested to abolish the existing contractual system of recruiting scientists in the Council of Scientific and Industrial Research;

(b) if so, the details thereof and the justification therefor;

(c) whether Government have taken any action on this request; and

(d) if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF PLANNING AND PROGRAMME IMPLEMENTATION AND MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY (PROF. YOGENDER K. ALAGH): (a) Yes Sir.

(b) to (d) From 1st April, 1988 Govt. of India effected confirmation of employees immediately on completion of probationary period irrespective of availability of post. Scientists in CSIR have been demanding benefit of this decision while requesting scrapping of the contractual recruitment. Governing Body of CSIR took up for consideration this request of Scientific Workers in Jan., 1992 and decided that the system of contract appointments should continue since it bears an element of flexibility which is to the advantage of both, the scientists as well as CSIR and it encourages healthy mobility of scientists within R&D institutions of the country. If contractual appointment were to be